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REFS: (A) USUN 4198; (B) GA POSITION PAPER UNEC D-698/73 REV

1. US DELEGATION SHOULD NOT AGREE TO COSPONSOR ROMANIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (REFTEL A). IN LIGHT OF ACTIONS IN GA LAST YEAR AND SUMMER ECOSOC THIS YEAR, DELEGATION SHOULD SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1752 (REF B). IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF ROMANIAN DELEGATION COULD BE PERSUADED NOT REPEAT NOT TO INTRODUCE ITS RESOLUTION, WHICH SIMPLY GOES OVER OLD GROUND, BUT INSTEAD TO RESERVE ITS ENERGIES FOR A NEW INITIATIVE WHEN TIME IS RIPE.

2. THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION MAY BE USE BY THE DELEGATION AT ITS DISCRETION TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE POSITION.

A. THE ROMANIAN PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION OVERLAPS, AND IN SOME RESPECTS DUPLICATES, ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1752
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THAT TOOK NOTE OF THE SYG REPORT AND RECOMMENDED TO

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GOVERNMENTS THE PROPOSALS FOR ACTION CONTAINED IN IT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS COMMENTED ON THAT RESOLUTION IN POSITION PAPERS (REF B). BASICALLY, WE FOUND NO POLICY PROBLEMS IN

EITHER THAT RESOLUTION OR THE SYG REPORT ON WHICH IT WAS BASED. WE PREFER THE ECOSOC RESOLUTION TO THE ROMANIAN DRAFT BECAUSE IT TAKES THE NECESSARY ACTION ON THE SYG REPORT WITHOUT PROMOTING A FLOW OF ADDITIONAL YOUTH REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED AT SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS. IT ALSO AVOIDS A CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MEETINGS.

B. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 1, 2, AND 5 OF THE ROMANIAN DRAFT ARE COVERED IN THE ECOSOC RESOLUTION.

C. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE ROMANIAN DRAFT REQUESTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL A REPORT DESCRIBING "THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF YOUTH AND GIVING PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO MEET THESE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS." IN FACT, THE REPORT AT HAND--THE TOPIC OF GA AGENDA ITEM NO. 62--IS EXACTLY THAT.

D. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE ROMANIAN DRAFT, CALLING FOR AN "INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT ON THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUTH," OVERLAPS A RECOMMENDATION OF THE AD HOC YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP, WHICH IS TO BE CONSIDERED BY ECOSOC. IN ANY CASE, USUN POINTS OUT THAT THE TIMETABLE SUGGESTED IS IMPOSSIBLE.

E. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE ROMANIAN DRAFT WAS COVERED IN THE RESOLUTION COSPONSORED BY ROMANIA AND THE US AT THE 27TH GA, WHICH CALLED FOR SIMILAR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION. WE ARE NOT CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR A REPORT ON THE MATTER AT THE 29TH GA.

F. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE ROMANIAN DRAFT CONFLICTS WITH OUR OWN CONVICTION THAT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MEETINGS ARE NOT THE BEST WAY TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS. AS FAR AS OTHER POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES ARE CONCERNED, THE ECOSOC RESOLUTION RECOMMENDS ACTION BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.
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